

1-1 By: Perry (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 2394
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
1-3 May 2, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	Paxton	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Davis	X		
1-12	Ellis	X		
1-13	Hancock		X	
1-14	Patrick	X		
1-15	Uresti	X		
1-16	Watson	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring title for all
1-20 trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers not considered
1-21 manufactured housing.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,
1-24 is amended by adding Section 501.007 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 501.007. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF TITLE BEING OBTAINED
1-26 FOR ALL TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS, AND TRAVEL TRAILERS THAT ARE NOT
1-27 MANUFACTURED HOUSING. (a) The department shall conduct a study of
1-28 the feasibility of requiring title for each trailer, semitrailer,
1-29 or travel trailer that is not manufactured housing.

1-30 (b) In conducting the study required under this section, the
1-31 department must, in relation to all trailers, semitrailers, and
1-32 travel trailers covered by the study:

1-33 (1) determine the cost and feasibility of assigning
1-34 vehicle identification numbers;

1-35 (2) develop options for obtaining title;

1-36 (3) evaluate the processes of inspection,
1-37 verification, and assignment of vehicle identification numbers;

1-38 (4) develop recommendations for requiring the
1-39 permanent affixation of vehicle identification numbers;

1-40 (5) determine the approximate fiscal impact from theft
1-41 and evaluate options to decrease this theft; and

1-42 (6) evaluate the level of access individuals in rural
1-43 areas have to obtain title.

1-44 (c) In conducting the study, the department must use input
1-45 from local governmental entities that provide title services for
1-46 trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers, automotive theft
1-47 experts, statewide associations representing agricultural
1-48 entities, and statewide associations of counties. The department
1-49 may use input from any other organization, as necessary.

1-50 (d) On request of the department, the comptroller shall
1-51 assist the department in conducting the study.

1-52 (e) The department shall prepare a report that contains its
1-53 study findings and makes recommendations regarding possible
1-54 legislative solutions to any problems found in the processes for
1-55 obtaining title for trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers
1-56 covered by the study. Not later than September 1, 2014, the
1-57 department shall submit the report to the lieutenant governor, the
1-58 speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer
1-59 of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction
1-60 over motor vehicles.

1-61 (f) This section expires August 31, 2015.

2-1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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